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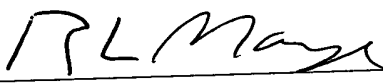
Claims 4-6, 8-10, 12 and 13 have been canceled. Claims 1-3, 7 and 11 are now pending in this application.

It is respectfully submitted that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of these claims is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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